BY SENATORS COLOMB, BARROW, HEWITT, MIZELL AND PETERSON AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, CARPENTER, DAVIS, EMERSON, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HORTON, JACKSON, NANCY LANDRY, MARCELLE, MORENO, NORTON, SMITH, STOKES AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Taylor Nicole Bush upon her receipt of a 2016 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of College Women of Excellence and upon being a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

WHEREAS, Taylor Nicole Bush is entering her senior year of nursing school at Our Lady of the Lake College, plans to pursue a career in an intensive care unit in Baton Rouge upon graduation, and after serving two years in the field, wants to return to school and get her doctorate as a certified registered nurse anesthetist; and

WHEREAS, she is a founder of the Bonner Leadership Program at Our Lady of the Lake, which serves the intellectually disabled, as the Bonner Foundation believes that colleges and congregations have vital roles to play in society to meet the needs of the vulnerable and create a diverse leadership dedicated to community service learning; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Bush has served more than six hundred hours of service learning at her community partner, The Arc of Baton Rouge, a nonprofit organization that works to support the intellectually disabled across the lifespan, to support their full inclusion and participation throughout their lifetime, and at The Arc, she works on fine and gross motor skills by teaching crafts and is aiding in implementing a program in downtown Baton Rouge in one of their buildings to create an art therapy program; and

WHEREAS, she has also interned with Louisiana Biomedical Research Network at Louisiana State University, studied the effect of RNAi on the antiviral mechanism on C. elegans, conducted her own research under the supervision of Dr. Rui Lu and partner Taylor Tebbe, and created a poster presentation; and

WHEREAS, Taylor also works as a student nurse tech at Baton Rouge General's Burn Unit and is also a Delta Zeta alumni from Louisiana State University and Student

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Ambassador alumni at Our Lady of the Lake College; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation created the Women of Excellence Awards to recognize and honor extraordinary women across the state for their outstanding achievements and contributions; and

WHEREAS, recipients of the Women of Excellence Awards exhibit characteristics of integrity and professionalism, personify excellence in their area of specialty, and are committed to community service to better society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, for 2016, there are four categories for the Women of Excellence Awards: College Women of Excellence, High School Women of Excellence, Louisiana Hero of Excellence, and Nonprofit of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2016 Women of Excellence Awards are being recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of Excellence Awards & Scholarships ceremony and reception on Tuesday, May 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Nicole Bush has been named a recipient of a 2016 Women of Excellence Award in the category of College Women of Excellence and is also a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship for her accomplishments and personification of excellence in integrity, character, academics, leadership, and community service; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Nicole Bush merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments, and it is appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend Taylor Nicole Bush upon her receipt of a 2016 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation and of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Taylor Nicole Bush upon her receipt of a 2016 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of College Women of Excellence and upon her receipt of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to her community and the state of Louisiana.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Taylor Nicole Bush.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES